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SUBJECT: ECE - REPORT ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION

SUMMARY: REPORT BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSION IS RESTRAINED AND GENERAL SINCE OUTCOME OF CSCE STILL AWAITED. GENERAL SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SET FORTH IN PRIORITY AREAS (TRADE; ENVIRONMENT; SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS) FOR CONSIDERATION AT 30TH PLENARY. THIS REPRESENTS FIRST STEP TOWARD POSSIBLE DETAILED REVIEW OF STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS OF ECE IN NEXT YEAR OR TWO WHICH SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN ANY EVENT IRRESTPECTIVE OF ECCE RECOMMENDATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. REPORT BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION (E/ECE/875) JUST ISSUED AS BACKGROUND DOCUMENT FOR 30TH ECE SESSION (15-25 APRIL). RESOLUTION I OF 29TH SESSION HAD REQUESTED REPORT ON POSSIBLE NEW APPROACHES FOR FORMULATING AND IMPLEMENTING ITS PROGRAMS IN LIGHT  
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OF IMPROVED CONDITIONS WITHIN REGION AND OUTCOME OF

CSCE.

2. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NOTES THAT THIS REPORT IS OF PRELIMINARY NATURE SINCE CSCE HAS NOT CONCLUDED. ONLY GENERAL SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SET FORTH RATHER THAN DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMISSION ACTION.

3. FIRST PART OF REPORT DEVOTED TO ANALYSIS OF CHANGED ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE REGION AND WORLD WHICH CALLS FOR DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES AND PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT AND NEED FOR INCREASED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HIGH RATES OF GROWTH OF POST-WAR PERIOD CAN NO LONGER BE ANTICIPATED AND STRESS SHOULD HENCEFORTH BE PLACED ON RATIONAL USE AND DISTRIBUTION AND NOT MERELY GROWTH OF TOTAL OUTPUT.

4. ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY INCREASED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE AND SPECIALIZATION; THIS TREND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS RECOGNIZED WITHIN THE REGION THROUGH POLICY OF DETENTE AND REFLECTED IN WORK OF CSCE. COOPERATION THROUGH ECE SHOULD GAIN AS RESULT OF CSCE AGREEMENTS AND NEW POLITICAL CLIMATE RESULTING FROM CONFERENCE. ECE CAN TRANSFER CSCE ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES INTO CONCRETE REALITIES.

5. ECE WORK PROGRAM IS EVOLUTIONARY AND PRAGMATIC WHICH CAN ADAPT TO CHANGING CONDITIONS. LAST REVIEW OF ECE STRUCTURE MADE IN 1970. BASIC PRIORITIES SET THEN (TRADE, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND LONG-TERM ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS) STILL VALID BUT ADAPTATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED. PENDING OUTCOME OF CSCE, CERTAIN BROAD EMPHASES AND GUIDELINES MIGHT BE CONSIDERED BY COMMISSION IN SHAPING FUTURE COOPERATION AS FOLLOWS:

A. ECE SHOULD BE USED BY GOVERNMENTS AS INSTRUMENT FOR DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC POLICIES AS WELL AS COOPERATION ON PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.

B. GREATER ATTENTION SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO ENSURING OPTIMAL SOCIAL BENEFITS, PRESERVATION OF RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

C. INCREASED EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON ECONOMY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND EFFICIENCY IN USE OF RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

D. STIMULATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE ON PRACTICAL BASIS INCLUDING INCREASED INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIZATION.

E. COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH ON KEY PROBLEMS OF MAJOR POLICY IMPORTANCE.

F. MORE EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

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G. GREATER ATTENTION TO INTEGRATION OF ECE PROGRAMS AMONG THE VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

H. REVIEW OF PROGRAM AND METHODS OF WORK FOLLOWING CSCE TO ENSURE CONCENTRATION ON PROJECTS CONSIDERED TO BE OF GREATEST URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE.

6. REPORT CONCLUDES THAT 30TH SESSION COULD TAKE FIRST STEP TOWARD REVIEW OF LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAM DURING ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS REPORT. GENERAL GUIDELINES EMERGING FROM DISCUSSIONS AT 30TH SESSION COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW BY ALL PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN AREAS OF COMPETENCE. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MIGHT BE ASKED TO DRAW UP SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR ADAPTATION OF WORK PROGRAMS AT 31ST (1976) SESSION.

COMMENT. THIS REPORT REPEATS THEMES SET FORTH BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON MANY OCCASIONS IN RECENT PAST AND DOES NOT SUGGEST ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW DEPARTURES. REPORT RESTRAINED IN ORDER NOT TO APPEAR TO PREJUDGE RESULTS OF CSCE BUT UNFORTUNATELY LACKS CLEAR FORM AND DIRECTION. MOST OF SUGGESTIONS ARE ALREADY INCORPORATED IN ECE PROGRAMS AND UNLIKELY THESE WILL BE ALTERED SUBSTANTIALLY. NO DISPOSITION EXISTS ON PART OF WESTERN OR EASTERN CAUCUSES TO UNDERTAKE FUNDAMENTAL EXAMINATION OF ECE PROGRAMS AT 30TH SESSION. COMMISSION WILL DEFER THIS EXAMINATION FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR PENDING CSCE CONSULTATION WHILE REQUESTING VIEWS OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND FURTHER REPORT BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO 31ST SESSION.

TO WHAT EXTENT CSCE CONCLUSIONS WILL REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT ADAPTATION OF ECE PROGRAMS REMAINS TO BE SEEN SINCE COMMISSION ALREADY HEAVILY ENGAGED IN PROGRAM WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE COVERED BY CSCE RESOLUTIONS. IN ANY EVENT TIME WILL BE RIPE IN NEXT YEAR OR TWO FOR NEW LOOK AT ECE STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS. CURRENT REPORT REPRESENTS USEFUL PRELIMINARY STEP TOWARD THIS EXAMINATION. DALE

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